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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | TECH CENTER 1600/2900 |
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| Sebastian SUERBAUM et al. |) Group Art Unit: 1647 |
| Serial No.: 09/015,078 |) Examiner: Sharon L. TURNER |
| Filed: January 29, 1998 |) |
| For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FIba GENE OF <i>H. PYLORI</i> , PRODUCTION OF AFFLAGELLATE STRAINS |)))) |
| Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |

AMENDMENT

Applicants now reply to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003 (Paper No. 25). Please amend this application as follows:

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